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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/622,077	DAIMOTO ET AL.	
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 April 2007.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 3-5 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1,2 and 6 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 3-5 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 17 July 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 3-5 are objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 3, line 6, there are no spaces between the words. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Korall et al. (6,996,531).

In regard to claim 3, Korall et al. show a data input device in Figure 2, having input means for inputting data and output means for outputting a message for prompting a data input operation, comprising: text data input means for inputting text data (item s12); voice data input means (item s12) for inputting voice data; input item storage means for storing an item to be inputted (Fig. 1, item 16); and input control means for selecting one of the text data input means and the voice data input means in

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accordance with the characteristics of the item to be inputted which is stored in the input item storage means (items s20,22,24).

In regard to claim 4, Korall et al. show a data input device in Figure 2, discussed above, wherein the input control means selects data input means in accordance with an amount or type of data of the item to be inputted which is stored in the input item storage means (item s22, col. 10, ln 35-55).

In regard to claim 5, Korall et al. show a data input device in Figure 2, discussed above, further inherently comprising: noise measurement means for measuring noise generated around the data input device, wherein when voice data input means is selected and the noise measured by the noise measurement means is higher than a predetermined value, the input control means changes input means from the voice data input means to the text data input means (col. 9, ln 18-24).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese publication No. 11-288342 (cited by Applicant, reference 1) in view of Japanese publication No. 8-95734 (cited by Applicant, reference 2).

In regard to claims 3-5, (Reference 1) discloses an interface device, for multimodal input/output device which allows the free input of a user and can be adaptive

to surrounding environments, having a glance detection engine, based on image input, voice recognition engine based on voice input, operation input part composed of a mouse or keyboard, input integrating part for integrating the said inputs and detecting the intention of the user and feedback generating part for performing an output to the user based on the intention detected result. Japanese publication No. 8-95734 (Reference 2) discloses a processing for multimodal input that requires complex control. Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine these references because they produce a more user friendly system.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Susan McFadden whose telephone number is 571-272-7621. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richemond Dorvil can be reached on 571-272-7602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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